

A little of the Life-History of  
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I was Born on the 8 day of may 1858, at Aasted Danmark. Father had Emigrated to that contry some years privius to that time from Sweden where he was born at a place called Smaaland in Jynsajoping Len, my mother had also come to that Land some Three Years before my birth and there met my Father and shortly after they were Married. my Mother was also born in Sweden at the place of Smaaland Jynsajoping Len. Mother was born on the 6 day of January 1825 and father was born on the 1st of November 1818.

As we were very poor my bringing up was not without many hard strugels and at times had to exest upon whet ever we could get to live on.

As we had no home of our owen we were mooving from one place to another, always living in the most simple plases there could be found, just so we could have a shelter,

When I was about 3 1/2 year of age, Father bought a Land on which he build our first home consisting of only one little room and a place to cook in.

When I was 8 years of age I started to go to school, it was a little Country School where we were all in one room.

At the age of 10 years I got a job herding Gees, I tel you it was a lively job and at times the Gees got the best of me as they could Fly and I could not, so it was rather hard for me to keep up with them.

At the age of 11 I got a job herding Caws, I had that job for 4 years, from about the 15 of April to the 1st of November each year, the winter Month's I would go to School,

At the age of 14 I was released from School, and recieved my Confirmation as it was called, I now was to russel for my self both Winter and Summer, out away from home among strangers all the time,

My Father and Mother was members of the Luteran Church, and as such I was also a Luteran, but from the time I recieved my Confirmation I was never inside a Church doar as the Docteren Thought in the Church did not apeel to me.

At the age of about 20 1/2 year, I got Married to a Daughter of Jens Christian Christesen and Juliane Christesen. her Name was Anne Petrine Marie, she was born in Hernested Danmark on the 19 of February 1855.

In the year 1882 on the 13 day of August we became Members of the L.D.S. Church and as such became an outcast of our folks and friends.

In the year 1889 on the 6 day of August, I together with 5 of my Children bid farwell to the Land of my Birth and started on our Jorney for America, leaving my Wife and 2 Children behind me with the expectation of sending for them later.

We left our home in the City of Aalborg on a stemer which took us to Kopenhagen and after about one day stop over there for to get things in order so we could go on our jorney onmolested, another stemer took us from Kopenhagen to Hul England there we came in land after been there over night on our ship and got on the Train which took us from Hul to Liverpool, here we was for 5 days, then got on the Ship Yoming a big Steemer and after 11 days on the Atlantick we came to New York here we had to have our baggets examend and then was taken from the steemer Yoming to anothe steemer which took us to Norfolk, here we had the first priyillige of seting our feet on the American soil, walking from the Harbor where we landed to the station where we got on the train which took us to Denver, where we had to change Train's and this Train took us to Utah, land arived at Provo on the night between the first and the Second of September, there I had to part with my oldest Daughter Christine as she was to go to Logan to a Family there who had helpt us with 50 dollars for our Emigration, the rest of us staid at Provo over night sleeping on the flor in the St Station, in the morning when we got up and out-side, I saw the greatest sight Of my life, veing the high Mountans right by the City, it was grand in deed.

At about 10 in the fornoon we boarded another train which took us to Nephi here again I had to bid farvel to another one of my little Daughters Minnie who was to go still further with a Missionery who had also helpt me with a little money to

Emigrate for, Minnie was only 3 years of age, Christine was not yet 10 years of age as her birth-day would not come before the 8 of December.

At Nephi a Sister of mine who lived at Ephraim Sanpete County, together with her Husband was there for me, and we traveled by team about 35 miles and landed at Ephraim at about 1 in the morning, I had now 3 of my Children with me the oldest one about 6 1/2 year old and the youngest 3 years of age, I staid at Ephraim for about 8 weeks working on the Tracing-Machine for which I was paid in wheat, while there I had the great pleasure of receiving \$130. by the help of a good Brother by the Name of Jensen as a lone to send to my wife to emigrate for, and this money was sent at once

I was now Oing about \$300. for my Emigresion for my self and Family and it was for me to see and get a job of some kind where I could get Money so to pay this back as soon as possible, and as I heard that I could get work at Salt Lake City, where I could get Money for the work so I thought there was where I would have to go.

A man who lived at Ephraim named Hansen was going to Salt Lake with Two teams and I got the chance to go with him leaving my Children with my Sister, I was lucky in getting work at once and worked there for about 6 weeks, I then went on the Pacific Railroad where I staid until Cristmas and then came back to Salt Lake again, the rest of the winter did not go very good,

In the spring I got me a Tent and started to make adobis and done fairly well on the 21st of May I had the plasure to again meet my Wife and Children that I had left in Danmark some 9 month's before, but in sted of her and Two Children She had Three as one was born some Three Month's after I left there.

We now had 3 children. the time went on and we done fine, the Daughter which went to Logan we had got back but the one who went with the Missionary we had not yet got back, a week after my Wife came I went after the Three Children that I had left with mi Sister, we now had them all except Minnie that had went with the Mission she was out in Glendale Kane County a long way's from where we were.

In 1891 about the first of November we started out on the journey to Glendale with a little team that I had got me, not been used to travel I did not know what was required on a trip like that as there was some 350 miles to go over mountains through Canions and deserts, one day we got on a rong road there had been a cloudbur the road was wased away and going through this wase I brook the reach of my wagon there was planty of Seders close by but I had no ax th cut them down with, so I had to use my pocket-knife and as such I set to work to cut a Seder tree down with my knife it was a slow job but I got it after a long tidius job, in about two days we were on our way again and as we were going along we met a man on Horse-back he told us that we were on a wrong road but as we did not dare to go back over that was out again, we tried to make it with out and as such we went along an old trale got to an old dugway and over it we came down into the valley in which Glendale was located and found the place where our little Daughter was, after stoping there over night we went some 6 miles further down the valley to a place called Mountcarn to wiset with some people that we know and while there we were induced to buy a Hous and lot and stay there, as we were told it was a good place for a poor man to make a start.

Next spring after I went back to Draper where we had stored our tgings and came ~~increased by a little Daughter, that was born on that date, and~~ back about the middle of May, on the 13 day of April that spring we had our Family increased by a little Daughter that was born on that date, and

on the latter part of May and first part of June we had one of perhaps our greatest tryills come over us, as we lived for 12 days without any foodstuf at all we lived on green Alfalfa and a weed known by the name of Pige-weed, all we had was salt. in the year of 1892 we left this plase as I could not make a liveing there and came back to Monroe Cevier County there we rented a farm and was there one year

We then came back to Redmond Cevier County was there one year this was in the time known as the Grover Cleveland times, a time that will never be forgotten.

We then left there in the Month of September 1894 and located at Spanisfork Utah County, was there for about two years, and then mooved into salt lake city, lived in the First Ward, in 1898, we went out to Sandy where I bouth a 10 Acre of land later on increased it to 20 Acres and then to 40 Acres, while there in the year 1900, our Family was again increest by a little Girl which was born on the 17 day of July,

In the spring of 1901 we mooved to Deseret, located on a School-Sextion about 7 Miles west of Hinkly. That same Summer in the Month of September we left there



And came to Idaho, landed at Shelley on the 23 of October, rented a farm South-West, of Bute, was there for Two Years, in the winter of 1902 and 1903, I was laboring as - 1904 and 1905 I was laboring as a Missionary, at Grovela Riverside Morland McDonilville and Porterville,

In the spring of 1905 I bought some land at Porterville and we mooved on it that Spring, in the year of 1907 and 1908 I went on another Mission at Woodville and New-Sweden, in the Spring of 1909 we left the Farm at Porterville, and came to Shelley, working at what I could get, in the winter of 1912 on the 14 day of January I left for Europe on a Mission, left Salt Lake City On the 17th, on the Train for St. John Canada, stoping over at Omaha and Chicago and Bufalo Montriall and for Three days at St. John. then left there for England, on the way we went into the Harbor of Halifax for about 7 hours, left there in the evening that same night a very hard storm came up and lasted for many days, the Captein sad it was the worst storm he had ever had for the 12 years he had sailed that routh, the trip acrossed the atlantick was recond at 8 days in the most but it took us 13 days, 4 of the 7 "61 Boilers got out of comision and the wirles-tillephone got out of comision so we could nether recieve nor send word anywhers, when we got to Liverpool they thought we were lost so they saidefter aday or two in Liverpool Itogether with 12 others took the train for Grimsby. and there we got on the Steamer for Exberg Danmark, and from there on train to Kopenhagen, Crosing the Store-belt and Lille-Belt on Fairis Arived at Kopenhagen on the 11 day of February, after Two days stop-over there I was sent to the City Of Aalborg the head-Quarters of the Aalborgs Conference, I then was apointed to labor in the Frederikshavn's Brance, to preside over the brance, I was there for 10 1/2 Month's, was then Apointed to Preside over the Conference which position I held for 5 Month's, I was then released from that Conference and Apointed to go to Norvey to preside over the Thronhjem Conference, I was there for 10 Month's, when I was released to go home, on my way Home I went through Danmark visiting Friends and reletivs, leving Danmark at esberg, going from there by Steame to Grimsby England and then by Train from Grimsby, to Liverpool, where we was for about 4 days, while there visiting everything of any interest, I also went throu the Slums of Liverpool, which was indeed an Eye opponer as the condition that existe in those places, the Jorney over the Atlantick was fine altho many was called upon to feed the fishs and was very sick, we landed at Montriall and there bording the Train for home in Chicago we had a stopover for some 4 or 5 hours, and then from there to Salt Lake City after about Two days I left on the Train for Shelley my home arived there on the 4th of May, Laking 10 days in 28 Month's from the time I left there,

When I arived home we were brock and had to start anew, in the Month of 3 September, that same Summer Namly the Year of 1914, I started a Shoe Repairing Shop, and was doing fine Build me a home, and prospered for some time, then on the 22 day of March 1919 My Wife died, and things comenced going to peeces for me

A year later I comenced geting on again but was unsuccesful in where I invest my money, the last I had was spent in or on a Mine, so in 1922, I lost all I had I then went to California was there for about 15 Month's, came back to Shelley for about Two Month's, went to Salt Lake City, was there for about Two Month's came to Ogden was there for a little bether then Three Years, went to Huntsvill Utah, was there for little better then Two Years, Spent one Sumner at Logan, Came to Shelley in the Fall of 1930 and am still here.

In January 1932 I went to Salmon, Ida. to live with my son Andrew who lives there. I spent the summer there working. In the fall I took ill, and in December of the same year I came back to Shelley. Spent the winter here and on the 19 of June 1933 I went to <sup>Barfank</sup> ~~Los Angeles~~ California